

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Corn varies widely based on transportation costs, local demand, local supply. It's about like the...you can almost relate it to how the price of gasoline varies from station to station just a few miles or a few blocks apart. That's simply the way, almost the way the corn market works too. And so I would remind you that no matter what happens it is going to be reflected in the basis or the amount that a producer gets for his cash grain when he markets it. The price might be made in Chicago, but the basis determines what happens at the local level across the state or anywhere in this country as far as that is concerned. And so ultimately the producer is going to be paying all of this and I want you to be sure and understand that.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Hall, are you going to pursue your division request?

SENATOR HALL: I'd ask that the Wehrbein amendment be divided and I would divide it this way. I would divide the issue that deals with the excise tax and that would be sections...and I'm dealing with AM3640 that was passed out on the floor here. It would take Sections 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11, and deal with them as one division which is the issue of the excise tax as it relates to stripping it from the bill and the changes that would be made as it relates to the checkoff and the other aspects of that, so that would, I believe, be clearly divisible as a separate entity, would deal with all those issues at once in one division. I would then put 3, 4 and 6 of AM3640 together because they are again, other issues and then the last division would be Section 10, which would be separate, that deals with the income tax credit issue, and I would ask that the amendment be divided and dealt with in that fashion if we might, if the Chair sees that they are divisible in that manner.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair declares that the amendment is divisible and we'll move to the first section which will be on AM3640. We'll deal with Sections 1, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 which are the sections dealing with the excise tax and deal with discussion on that part of the amendment. Senator Vrtiska, your light is next. Would you like to talk about the excise tax portion of the Wehrbein amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Beutler.